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**BY ECF**

The Honorable Paul A. Engelmayer  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: *United States v. Justin Rivera*, 19 Cr. 131 (PAE)**

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

The Government respectfully requests that the Court unseal the enclosed portion of the trial transcript, attached to this letter as Exhibit A, from the above-referenced case on the basis that the original need for sealing no longer exists.<sup>1</sup> The Court originally ordered that this portion of the trial transcript be sealed to protect the defendant from unfair prejudice relating to a prior investigation by local law enforcement of a triple homicide and related kidnapping.

Because that investigation was subsequently disclosed in open court, continued sealing is no longer justified. *See, e.g.*, Trial Tr. 904-13 (discussion concerning the triple homicide and kidnapping (attached to this letter as Exhibit B)).

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<sup>1</sup> The Government is submitting the relevant trial transcript under seal, pending the resolution of this request.

